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ITALIC LETTERS.

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FIGURES.

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A Is an Ape,
afraid of the floods.

B Is a Buſtard,
and lives in the woods.

C Is a Cat,
who eats up a Mouſe.

D Is a Dog,
who guards the houſe.

E Is an Eagle,
a large bird of prey.

F Is a Fox,
who ſleeps moſt of theday.

G Is a Goldfinch,
of thiſtles quite fond.

H Is a Hedge-hog,
who rolls on the ground.

J Is Joan Daiſy,
with her cuſtards and curds.

K Is a Kite,
who eats little birds.

L Is a Lynx,
who like a Wolf cries.

M Is a Martin,
who lives upon flies.

N Is Ned Hatchet,
a hewer of wood.

O Is an Owl, who
likes mice for his food.

P Is a Parrot,
with feathers like gold.

Q Is a Quack,
who ſtruts very bold.

R Is a Rabbit,
who ſports on the lee.

S Is a Sailor,
who plows the deep ſea

T Is a Trout,
a moſt excellent fiſh

V Is the Valet,
who ſerves up the diſh.

W Is a Woodpecker,
ne'er heard to ſpeak.

X Is King Xerxes, who
was beat by the Greeks

Y Is a Yellow Hammer,
who ſings on a ſpray.

Z Is a Zealot,
who'd have his own way.

FABLES.

The Boys and the Frogs.

Two or three boys ſtood one day at the ſide of a pond in which were ſome frogs; and, though the poor frogs did them no harm, theſe bad boys, as ſoon as a frog put up its head, would pelt at it with ſtones. My dear boys, ſays one of the frogs, you do not think that, though this may be ſport to you, it is death to us.

The Wolf and Kid.

The Goat going abroad to feed, ſhut up her young Kid at home, charging her to bolt the door faſt, and open it to nobody till ſhe herſelf ſhould return. The Wolf, who lay lurking juſt by, heard this charge given; and ſoon after came, and knocked at the door, counterfeiting the voice of the Goat, deſired to be admitted. The Kid, looking out at a window, and finding the cheat, bid him go about his buſineſs; for however he might imitate a Goat's

voice, yet he appeared too much like a wolf to be truſted.

The Truſty Dog.

When once a thief in the night had thrown a piece of bread to a Dog, trying if he could be gained by the meat thrown him: Hark ye, ſaid the Dog, if you deſign to ſtop my mouth from barking for the good of my maſter, you are in a great miſtake, for that ſudden kindneſs of yours warns me to be upon my guard, that you may not make any gain by my fault.

RIDDLES.

Bees.

We dwell in
  Cottages of ſtraw,
And labour much
  For little pains.
Sweet meat from us
  Our maſters draw,
And then with death
  Reward our pains.

An Ape.

If old ſtories ſay true,
I could once talk like you,
But for fear of becoming a ſlave,
I was inſtantly mute,
And grew cunning to boot,
Determin'd my freedom to ſave.
To obſerve how I grin,
With ſnub-noſe and chin,
Would the laughter excite of a lord.
And for mimickry too,
I my betters outdo,
And more innocent pleaſures afford.

An Ox.

I am as uſeful
To the nation,
As ſome who move
In higher ſtation;
And fraught with virtues
Deem'd inherent,
May well be call'd
The king's vicegerent;
As I his ſubjects
Render ſtronger,
And die that they
May live the longer.